

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Attn: Director Dick Buehler
PO Box 145703
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Mr. Buehler,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments regarding the proposed GSL land swap agreement. It is crucial that the individuals and organizations that manage Utah's public lands act as environmental stewards. Not only must they work to preserve our resources, they have to make our resources work for us.

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Sincerely,

Meda B Miller
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January 8, 2009

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Attn: Dave Grierson
PO Box 145703
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Mr. Grierson,

I want to commend the State of Utah for pro-actively working with businesses on the Great Salt Lake. Utah is resource-rich State and we have to learn how to work with industry to responsibly use those resources.

During these tough economic times, we need to support job creation in our community ^ especially the creation of good paying jobs that will support local families for many years to come.

I believe this land-swap is good for the environment and good for our economy.

Thank you,



Brandon R. Dyer

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
PO Box 145703
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to applaud your division's work with the state wildlife division and the company Great Salt Lake Minerals Corp. The land exchange agreement discussed in the Salt Lake Tribune is both logical and benefitting. As residents of Utah, we need to focus on the conservation of wildlife on the Great Salt Lake, while balancing the need for businesses to operate there as well. There was a time when these types of agreements would have been approved without much public discourse, so it demonstrates the thoughtfulness of the state and the company to welcome public feedback. So please, approve this land exchange agreement and allow this company to continue producing additional organic fertilizer.

With regards,



Clayton Wight
247 North Jefferson Ave
Ogden, UT 84404

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Dave Grierson
PO Box 145703
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Mr. Grierson:

I am writing to you today as a Utah resident very concerned about the future of our local and regional economy. We all know that families across the country are working very hard to make ends meet and its hardier very day to stretch a dollar.

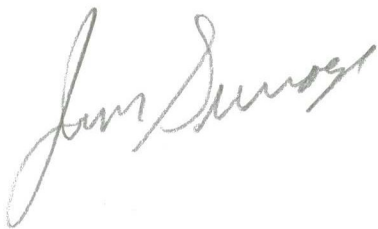
Times here are made tougher by a slow economy. However, one important proposal – the Great Salt Lake Minerals Corp (GSL) land exchange with the State of Utah – should be approved by the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

The potash derived from the fields is obtained from a natural and environmentally safe process and is one of the best sources of potassium and sulfur production on the planet. The products created by GSL work help feed millions of people around the world – including in Utah.

The approval of this project will not just benefit GSL and the state of Utah. As an outdoorsman, I use the lake for recreational purposes. The exchanging of the lands in the Ogden Bay for lands on the western portion of the lake is important. The northern area of Ogden Bay that runs along Promontory Point does have existing wildlife habitat. And although the waters are typically low in that area, protecting 30,000 additional acres can do nothing but help.

Please count my voice as a supporter for the exchange agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam Suro". The signature is written in dark ink and is located at the bottom left of the page.


Dave Grierson
Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
PO Box 145703
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Mr. Grierson,

I believe the proposed exchange of 30,181 acres along Promontory Point with the 37,083 acres on the north west side of the Great Salt Lake is a great benefit for all users of the lake. My family has hunted birds on the lake for a number of years. I feel strongly that once the 30,181 acres is exchanged, the land should be permanently protected to entice additional wildlife to the area. There will be no impact to recreational hunting lands with the use of the 37,083 acres by GSL.

Thank you for negotiating such an agreement in which everyone stands to benefit. Please approve this proposal without delay. If additional studies were needed, I feel confident that your division or the division of wildlife would have identified that during the review process.

Thank you.

Gilbert C Miller


Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
PO Box 145703
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Sir or Madam:

My family and many of our neighbors and friends are in support of the proposed land-swap agreement so that Great Salt Lake Minerals Co. can begin working on the important expansion of their potash cultivation operation. Any additional lands leased to GSL for their potash manufacturing is a boon to the state!

Many of us in and around the Ogden area know that the additional leasing lands will boost our local economy by providing more raw materials for farming and manufacturing. The increased supply of potash is critical – the list of uses for this resource is countless as are the number of businesses that rely on this inexpensive, available material. When raw materials like potash aren't available widely enough on the market, the costs get passed onto the consumer with higher grocery, home improvement and household goods costs.

Plus the state will gain back rights to lands in the Great Salt Lake that are traditionally more controversial to development because of its wildlife and proximity to the bird refuge and hunting marshes. Many of our neighbors duck hunt and/or are airboat in that area. And I, like them, agree that this is a great agreement that should be approved without delay.

Thank you.

Dave Grierson
Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
PO Box 145703
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Mr. Grierson,

I am writing to express our family's support of the proposed land swap agreement between Great Salt Lake Minerals and the State of Utah. The more we can do to minimize the land impacts in the waters on the eastern side of the Great Salt Lake, the better it will be for the lake's future sustainability. The Ogden, Willard and Bear River Bays are more active with wildlife, whereas the northwestern banks are less inhabitable and less impactful. We agree with this proposal and believe the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands should move forward with the agreement. Thank you.

Regards,

John Meibos


947 50 7900 W

Ogden, UT. 84404

January 5, 2009

Dear Mr. Buehler,

I believe I am part of the silent majority of Utahans that believe we can responsibly use public lands for commercial and recreational purposes. Halting a land-swap to preserve valuable habitat in order to complete an undefined study seems contrary to environmental progress.

Please approve the proposed land-swap with Great Salt Lake Minerals. The 30,000 acres will be best utilized through the agreement and the lands on the opposite side of the lake are best used for GSL's purposes. Farmers need GSL's fertilizer for their crops and Utah can use the economic benefits of additional mining.

Thank you,

mike Beal


To the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands –

Every time I open the newspaper these days it seems to be crowded with comments from environmentalists upset about how public land is being used. For generations Utahans have used public lands for agricultural and industrial purposes and have preserved millions of acres for wildlife and public parks.

We can't preserve every acre of the State of Utah in perpetuity but we can be judicious in how we use land entrusted to the public for the good of our community. Trading prime wildlife habitat leased to a private company in 1967 for land less critical to wildlife in a remote region of the State is logical and a no-brainer.

With regards,

Scott D. Freestone
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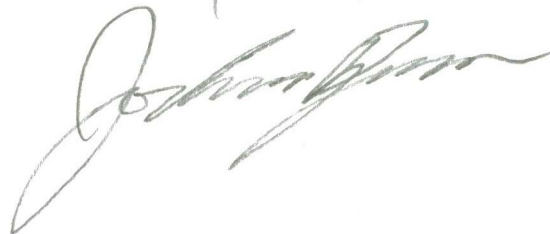
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Mr. Grierson,

I have read about the proposed land swap agreement in the newspaper and I would like to express my support for it. I agree that it is a win-win for both the state and the company. The Ogden Bay and surrounding areas are more delicate with regards to wetlands and wildlife (although I believe the area in question is adjacent to the Promontory Point where there are no birds or wetlands). Further, they are already operating on the west lake so adding additional lands will not change the ecosystem any further. This is a good thing and the state would be smart to approve it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Bergman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joshua Bergman", written in dark ink.

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Attn: Dave Grierson
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Dear Mr. Grierson,

I am writing in support of the proposed land exchange agreement between the state and Great Salt Lake Minerals.

As an avid hunter and outdoor enthusiast, I utilize the lake for recreational purposes. We hunters have seen the increasing loss of wetlands and vegetation around the lake over the years, so I support the protection of the 30,000 acres along Promontory Point.

Additionally, the proposed 37,000 acres of land GSL would retain from the successful land exchange will have no impact on recreational hunting on the Great Salt Lake.

Ultimately, anything the state can do to continue negotiating agreements that both preserve lands on the Great Salt Lake while at the same time meeting the needs of businesses will be critical to the future sustainability of the lake. Thank you.

Gilbert C Miller
Allen Miller

Dear Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands,

I am writing with regards to the proposed land exchange agreement reached with the Great Salt Lake Minerals Corporation. I am in full support of returning the 30,181 acres of existing wildlife habitat near Promontory Point back to the state, especially if the lands will be protected from future development and safer for the birds and mammals that use it now. The more that can be done to protect lands in the eastern bays on the Great Salt Lake the better. Please approve the proposed land exchange with GSL. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Randy Larkin". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "Larkin".

Randy Larkin

Dear Mr. Grierson,

I am writing to encourage the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to approve the land exchange proposed by Great Salt Lake Minerals. The information provided thus far makes a solid case for developing the lands on the west side of the Great Salt Lake. I believe the benefits outweigh any concerns raised thus far.

I am familiar with Great Salt Lake Minerals, as they have been operating on the lake for quite sometime. For several decades they have done business on the lake without incident. It seems the wildlife and they have existed throughout this time harmoniously. I cannot remember reading or hearing anything to the contrary.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Sincerely,

Michael Barbeau

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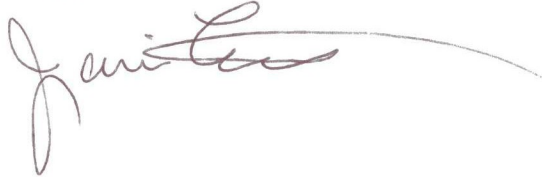
With regards, *Randall Cole*
Randall Cole

January 8, 2009

Dear Mr. Dick Buehler,

I am a hunter and a fisherman. I support preserving valuable habitat in the Salt Lake. I support the GSL Land swap.

Regards,

Jamie Evans


To Whom It May Concern,

Please approve the land exchange agreement proposed by the Great Salt Lake Minerals. The company has been doing great business on the lake for a number of years. The Division on Forestry, Fire and State Lands is correct in its assessment that this agreement will benefit both the wildlife and residents of Utah.

Additionally, the brine shrimper companies have no issue with the proposal. It's a rarity that such agreements with multiple benefits happen with regards to the Great Salt Lake, and I applaud the Division's due diligence in its work. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Tony Giordano

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GORDON MORRIS

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Dear Mr. Grierson,

As an avid hunter and recreational user of the Great Salt Lake, I would like to submit my support for the land-swap agreement proposed by the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands and Great Salt Lake Minerals Corporation. The preservation of any lands in the Ogden, Willard or Bear River Bays is critical in maintaining the natural habitats enjoyed both by outdoorsmen and wildlife alike.

I am also a local resident who is quite familiar with GSL. The company has been a good, clean business operating on the lake for many years. Farmers need the fertilizer produced by GSL and the salt and magnesium chloride sales benefit the local economy. It's important for the state to recognize the economic benefits as well as the environmental benefits of the land-swap agreement.

The company already has operations on the western banks of the Great Salt Lake and so it makes sense to grow its operations there. You are right in your assessment that this is a win-win situation for everyone. Please take into consideration my support for the project. Thank you.

Regards,

CASEY BARNEY

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Casey B" followed by a stylized flourish.